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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace original **Fig. 5** with replacement **Fig. 5**. Applicants are including replacement **Figs. 4 and 5** (**Figs. 4 and 5** originally were submitted on the same page) with this responsive amendment. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants also are including a marked-up copy of **Fig. 5**, with the changes marked in red ink, with this responsive amendment.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claim 3, without prejudice.

Please replace original claims 1 and 14 with replacement claims 1 and 14, as follows:

1. (amended) A fast-deployable light weight tripod, comprising
- a) a center support for supporting a load, provided with three peripheral hinge members;
  - b) at least three multi-stage telescoping leg assemblies each attached to one of said hinge members, each leg assembly comprising at least two compression-resistant members interconnected by a telescopic joint;
  - c) at least one cam locking unit associated with each telescopic joint, each locking unit having a first engaged position which allows extension of said leg assembly but prevents relative axial movement which would shorten the length of said leg assembly, and a second disengaged